

THE MONTH AT CALTECH

National Science Foundation

PRESIDENT DUBRIDGE was appointed by President Truman last month to the Board of the National Science Foundation, set up by Congress to develop and encourage "the formation of a national policy for the promotion of basic research and education in the sciences."

The 24 appointees to the board—17 of them educators, 7 prominent in various scientific fields—represent all sections of the country. Besides Dr. DuBridge they include: Sophie D. Aberle, Special Research Director, University of New Mexico; Robert Percy Barnes, Head of the Chemistry Department, Howard University; Chester I. Barnard, President of the Rockefeller Foundation; Detlev W. Bronk, President of Johns Hopkins University; Gerti Theresa Cori, Professor of Biological Chemistry, Washington University Medical School; James Bryant Conant, President of Harvard University; John W. Davis, President, West Virginia State College; Charles Dollard, President of the Carnegie Corporation; Edwin B. Fred, President, University of Wisconsin; Dr. Paul M. Gross, Dean of the Graduate School, Duke University; George D. Humphrey, President of the University of Wyoming; Dr. O. W. Hyman, Dean of the Medical School and Vice President of the University of Tennessee; Robert F. Loeb, Bard Professor of Medical Services, College of Physicians and Surgeons; Dr. Donald H. McLaughlin, President of the Homestake Mining Co.; Frederick A. Middlebush, President of the University of Missouri; Edward L. Moreland, Partner, Jackson & Moreland, Engineers; Joseph C. Morris, Head of the Physics Department and Vice-President of Tulane University; Harold Marston Morse, Professor of Mathematics, Princeton University; Andrey A. Potter, Dean of Engineering, Purdue University; James A. Reyniers, Director of the Bacteriology Laboratories at Notre Dame University; Elvin C. Stakman, Chief of the Division of Plant Pathology & Botany, University of Minnesota; Charles Edward Wilson, President of the General Electric Co.; Patrick Henry Yancey, Professor of Biology, Spring Hill College.

Trustees

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD James R. Page announced the election of three new Institute trustees last month—Leonard S. Lyon, Harry J. Volk, and Robert W. Miller.

Mr. Lyon, a patent attorney, is a member of the firm of Lyon & Lyon in Los Angeles. He is president of the California Institute Research Foundation, a member of the U. S. Patent Office advisory committee and a lecturer on patent law at Stanford University.

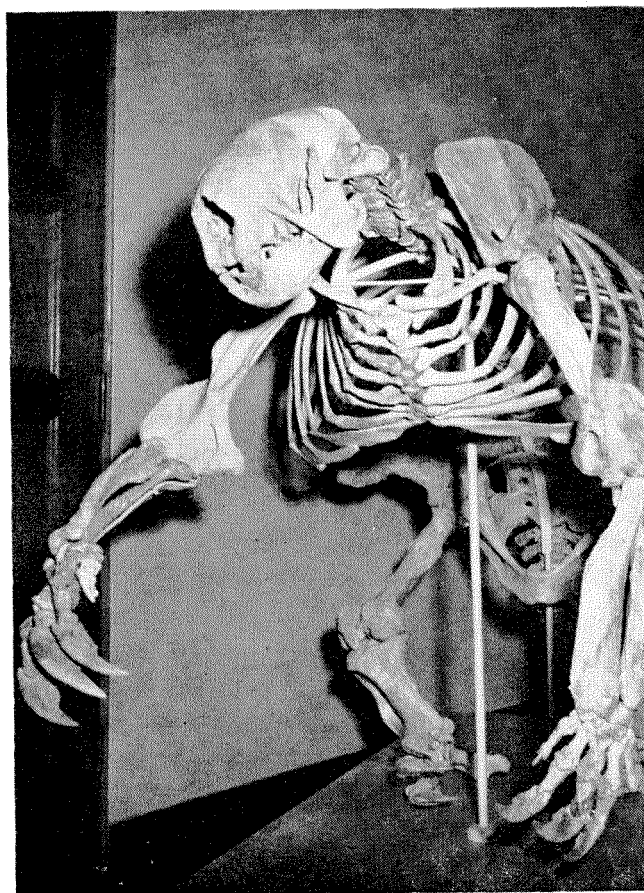
Mr. Volk is vice-president of the Prudential Insurance Company in charge of western operations, with offices

in Los Angeles. He is also a trustee of Rutgers University.

Mr. Miller is a director of the Standard Oil Company of California and president of the Pacific Lighting Company of San Francisco. He has the added distinction of being the first non-southern Californian to be elected to the Institute's 24-man board.

JPL Expansion

BIDS FOR THE START of a \$608,000 construction, expansion and relocation project at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory should be announced this month. The work, which has been authorized by Congress, includes the demolition of ten small buildings which are now obsolete, construction of two new wings on the engineering laboratory, construction of a new warehouse, sound-suppression of the rocket-test valves, and landscaping. Funds have been allocated as part of the Military Construction Bill for the strengthening of the nation's defenses.



In its October issue E & S ran a picture of William V. Otto, Preparator in the Geology Division, surrounded by a mass of bones which he claimed would eventually make a reconstructed skeleton of a ground sloth. The awesome result, shown above, is on display in Mudd Hall.